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The following letter will document your meeting with Ingrid Drieling, Clayton Marxer, Wendy Hoffman, Sandy Wilson, and Jim Malcom on March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Annual Operating Instructions (AOI) on the Powderhorn C&H allotment for the 2015 grazing season. The authorized use for the Powderhorn C&H allotment for cattle with the SW brand will be as follows:

**Permitted Use**

<u>Allotment</u>	<u>Permittee</u>	<u>Number/Class</u>	<u>H.M.</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Powderhorn C&H	Wilson Ranches LLC.	85 c/c	257	7/1-9/30
Bull Creek	Wilson Ranches LLC.	32 c/c	64	8/1-9/30

**Authorized Use for the 2015 Grazing Season**

<u>Allotment</u>	<u>Permittee</u>	<u>Number/Class</u>	<u>H.M.</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Powderhorn C&H	Wilson Ranches LLC.	65 c/c	135	7/1-9/1

<u>Allotment</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Number/Class</u>	<u>H.M.</u>	<u>Dates</u>
<b>Powderhorn C&amp;H</b>	Perk and Dry	65 c/c	105	7/10-8/27
	Bull Creek			REST

Only cattle with the SW brand are authorized to graze on the Powderhorn C&H allotment. The Annual Operating Instructions are made part of your Term Grazing Permit as per Part 2, item 8(a) of the General Provisions and Regulations. Situations may develop during the grazing season which requires changes to these instructions Dates listed in the authorized use section may vary based on management needs or range readiness and proper use standards. **If changing unit move dates becomes necessary, or if you cannot comply with some part of these instructions, contact Clayton Marxer and obtain approval before initiating changes or deviating from these instructions.** Changes can be made based on resource objectives, provided the changes are first approved and documented by an authorized officer. Any extension of use beyond the permitted dates will not be authorized.



### **Allowable Use**

The allowable use standards for the Lake Creek C&H allotment are listed below. It is your responsibility to be aware and recognize utilization and alteration standards. You must move your livestock to the next unit planned, or off the allotment, when those standards have been met. If you need assistance determining utilization levels please contact Clayton Marxer and he will assist you. **Once cattle are removed from a unit in accordance with use standards and unit scheduling, they are not allowed to return. Please ensure you clean all livestock from your units.** The Forest Service is responsible for monitoring your compliance with allowable use standards. Monitoring typically occurs within two weeks of your unit move date. Please contact your Range Specialists if you would like to join them when monitoring your allotment.

Unit	Riparian	Uplands
Perk and Dry Creek	5-6"	50%

### **Range Improvements**

Range improvements listed in Part 3 of your grazing permit **must** be maintained prior to livestock entering the allotment. Contact your Rangeland Management Specialist to discuss materials and supplies for any improvements that are in need of re-construction.

- The following range improvements were discussed for the Powderhorn C&H allotment:
- The Perk Canyon Water System (804212) needs approximately 1 mile of pipe buried.
- The Lower Dry Canyon Spring (804213) fence around the spring is in need of repairs (jacks and poles fence).
- The Dry Canyon Spring (804214) water trough is in fair condition need new trough (10' or 12' square fiberglass) to be reset.
- Powderhorn Spring (804215) is in fair condition, though the spring has moved away from the old spring box.
- Mud Springs (804216) the trough, pipe, and spring box are in poor condition. Materials needed include 50' 1 ½" pipe, 6' fiberglass trough, jack and poles for 4 span square fence.
- Dry Canyon Pass Division Fence (804075) is in fair condition -> needs more posts put in.
- Dry Canyon-Perk Boundry Fence (804071) is in good condition -> need a jack fence by Dry Canyon gate – south up the hill.
- Head of Tenmile Drift Fence (804078) is in fair condition -> need 3 sections of jack fence to keep vehicles from going around the gate.

### **General Management**

The grazing fees for 2015 are the base rate of \$1.69 per head month. Payment of your grazing bill is due prior to your earliest turnout date.

The Salmon-Challis Travel Management Record of Decision was signed December 24, 2009. With the issuance of this decision, all roads and trails designated for motor vehicle use map

(MVUM). As detailed in 36 CFR 261.13; 36 CFR 212.51a the prohibitions on motor vehicle use will not apply to motor vehicle use that is specifically authorized under a written authorization issued under Federal law or regulation. Effective March 20th, 2015 the Salmon Challis National Forest requires a Vehicle Use Permit, signed by the District Ranger, for ALL closed roads or off road travel. This must be displayed in windshield for Trucks or carried on ATV's, UTV's and Motorcycles. Contact your Rangeland Management Specialist to obtain a Vehicle Use Permit for any closed road or off-road travel. Motor vehicle use maps may be obtained at any Salmon-Challis Ranger District.

Approval of requests for personal convenience and resource protection nonuse is not automatic and the authorized officer should discuss the reasons for the nonuse request with the permittee. Requests for non-use must be done in writing and the approval of a request for non-use must be in writing by the authorized officer. Full or partial permittee convenience nonuse may be approved by the authorized officer for no more than three consecutive years and not more than four years in any ten year period.

Dead livestock must be moved at least 100 yards from water, roads, and trails.

Place salt at least ¼ mile from water sources and in areas lightly grazed to encourage an even distribution of utilization on the range.

Invasive weeds are becoming a serious threat to the welfare of our rangelands. Your assistance is needed to identify new outbreaks of weed populations and to prevent the establishment of weeds on the forest. We have implemented a Noxious Weed Free Hay order on our Forest. This will require any hay that is brought onto the National Forest to be certified free from noxious weeds.

If you spot a wild fire, report it immediately to the Central Idaho Interagency Dispatch Center in Salmon, ID at (208) 756-5157.

If you have any questions regarding any of the allotments for which you have permits, please call Clayton Marxer at (208) 768-2503 work, (406) 925-1930 cell or myself at (208) 756-5247.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Jay Winfield*

JAY WINFIELD  
District Ranger

Encl: Improvement Maintenance and Actual Use Records